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Dear Mr. EUR/SOV/SOBI:JEvans

I am replying to your letter of November 24, in which you enclosed correspondence from several of your constituents expressing their concern about the plight of Raoul Wallenberg.

The President, the Department of State and the Congress are very concerned about the fate of Mr. Wallenberg. The U.S. government takes every opportunity to make its concerns on this important issue known to the Soviet authorities.

As you may know, Raoul Wallenberg has been made an honorary citizen of the United States. Honoring Mr. Wallenberg in this fashion demonstrated our great admiration for his extraordinary courage and his dedication to humanity. Our interest in the Wallenberg case has not ended with the decision to make him a citizen of the United States, however. As President Reagan said in a statement commemorating the fortieth anniversary of Mr. Wallenberg's disappearance, we believe that the Soviet Union "has a moral obligation to answer the questions we have about his fate." Although the Soviets have not to date responded satisfactorily to our inquiries on Mr. Wallenberg's behalf, we have continued to press them, both in our bilateral meetings and at international forums such as the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe. We have raised his case directly with various Soviet representatives a number of times in the last few months and we continue to investigate reports about his whereabouts. We will not forget Raoul Wallenberg. We will continue to employ every available means to work on his behalf.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

J. Edward Fox
Assistant Secretary
Legislative Affairs

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The Honorable
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